

VETERAN BUREAU PROBE BLOCKED

Grain Man on Stand in Libel Suit

Former U. S. Grain Growers' Treasurer Denies Extravagance as Claimed in Published Article.

Seeks \$70,000 Damages

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Lincoln, Nov. 7.—W. E. Eckhardt, plaintiff in a suit for \$70,000 damages against Prof. J. C. Filley of the agricultural college and the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation, in the connection with the publication by the federation of an article which Eckhardt claims is defamatory, again took the stand when federal court convened here this morning.

Eckhardt, at one time treasurer of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., read to the court extracts from the minutes of the meetings of the information and organization departments of the organization which tended to show that all expenditures had been authorized by the members. He said, instead of showing extravagance as has been charged, was opposed to a lavish advertising program.

The records show that in April, 1921, an advertising expenditure in farm papers to the amount of \$12,048 was authorized, and in July \$86,000 for display space in national farm publications. Later a campaign in county papers was taken under advisement and an estimated cost of the campaign submitted to the information department.

Claims Credit Destroyed.

Following the reading of the minutes, Eckhardt, under examination by his counsel, declared he had been unable to obtain employment since the publication of the article, whereas, previous to the publication, he always had more than one place anxious for his services, and that now there was no one making him an offer. He further stated that his credit is practically destroyed.

Cross-examined by counsel for the defendants, he said the seed corn administration of Illinois, which he had headed during the war, had made a profit of \$108,000 on a working capital of \$1,250,000, but that a portion of this profit had come from sales of seed corn to the federal government as well as to the farmers. He declared there had been no intention of the administration to make a profit, and that it had sold corn at as small a margin as the administration deemed advisable.

There was also read into the minutes of the court an account of a discussion between officials of the U. S. Grain Growers relative to their salaries, in which it was shown that Eckhardt was opposed to the payment of large sums, he declaring "it would be a thousand times better if you didn't give me any salary." It was his contention that if Eckhardt and his associates were paid to furnish enemies of the organization with material for attack, the records show that counsel for the organization was being paid \$15,000 a year and it was suggested at the discussion that the same amount be given to the officers.

Illinois Banker Testifies.

Counsel for the defendants having concluded his cross-examination of Eckhardt, R. J. Bock, banker of De Kalb, Ill., was called to the stand. He stated that he had long been interested in farm organizations, work and was a close friend of Eckhardt. He was an associate with Eckhardt in the formation of the De Kalb agricultural association and said that Eckhardt had been able to borrow money to carry on the association work on the knowledge of bankers of Eckhardt's ability to make good.

Asked what was Eckhardt's standing in the community following the publication of the article written by Professor Filley, he said that it was "materially lessened," but he could not say that this change was entirely due to Eckhardt's article. He said that Filley asked what factors, other than the article, might have contributed to this change in attitude toward Eckhardt. Mr. Bock said it might have been due to the difficulties of the U. S. Grain Growers, following the convention in March, 1922, at which Eckhardt failed of re-election as treasurer.

He emphatically declared that Eckhardt's credit had been impaired and admitted that his bank carried notes signed by Eckhardt which bank examiners had questioned and stated were not "good paper."

Claim Standing Injured.

Eugene D. Funk of Bloomington, Ill., was then called and testified that he had known Eckhardt for 20 years and had always had a high regard for his ability as an organizer and business man. Questions regarding the Filley article, he said he had not read it, but he had heard it discussed both in Illinois and elsewhere. In his opinion, following the publication of the article, Eckhardt would not have been able to secure authority to handle large sums of a position of trust, as his honesty and money had been attacked.

Counsel for the defendants demanded if the article had been solely responsible for the position of which Eckhardt now finds himself, and Mr. Funk said he could not so declare definitely. Asked what other contributing factors there might be, he declared he was unable to state, as he had not been in a position to closely follow the history of the grain growers prior to August, 1922, when he was elected a member of the board of directors.

H. N. Owen of Minneapolis, editor of the Farmstock and Hog, was the

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fourth witness called. In his estimation, he said, the publication of the article which he had read was damaging to Eckhardt, in that it singled him out as the culprit in the failure of the Grain Growers. He admitted that the officers of the organization had not improved their standing with farmers and farm organizations through their actions in the first year of the Grain Growers. He was unaware, he said that Eckhardt had been attacked in other farm publications.

Counsel for the plaintiff then called on Howard Leonard, former president of the Illinois Agricultural association, in which organization Eckhardt at one time held a \$15,000 post.

It is Expected that Former Governor Lowden of Illinois will be here tomorrow to testify. Others who will give testimony are Frank Meyers, former secretary of the U. S. Grain Growers, and C. H. Gustafson, the former president.

Quarry Worker Is Fatally Crushed

Louisville Man Buried Under Five Tons of Rock and Shale.

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Louisville, Neb., Nov. 7.—W. E. Crabill, employee of the National Stone company's quarry, two miles east of here, was instantly killed this afternoon, when approximately five tons of rock and shale became dislodged in a tunnel in which he was working, and fell on him. Many bones in his body and limbs were crushed.

Other workmen nearby heard the crash of the falling rock and shale and rushed to the scene, but Crabill was dead when they succeeded in digging his body out a few minutes later.

Crabill worked in the quarry in the day time and conducted a jewelry store at night. During the disastrous flood of a few weeks ago, his jewelry store was swept from its foundations by the water, which inundated part of the town.

The dead man was about 60 years old. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Police Win Race With Motorists

Policeman Files Many Charges After Long Chase After Fruit Salesman.

William Kouma, 30, 1316 Pacific street, and George Lahoud, 2729 South Thirteenth street, salesmen for the Gilinsky Fruit company, were arrested by Police Officer Jack Winkler after the officer says he chased them from Thirteenth and Jackson streets to the German home at Thirteenth and J street Wednesday afternoon.

Kouma, who was driving a truck for the fruit company, and Lahoud, were both charged with reckless driving, and resisting an officer. Officer Winkler says he remonstrated with them when they turned in front of him without signaling that they were about to turn, that they abused him and that in the chase that followed they passed a street car which was discharging passengers.

Given Award of \$3,066.

Lincoln, Nov. 7.—Rosa Novacek, widow of Joseph Novacek, a coal handler for the Milligan (Neb.) Lumber company was awarded \$3,066 by the state compensation commissioner, the amount to be paid in weekly installments by the lumber company.

November 10

is the last day to enter your photographs in The Sunday Bee's amateur Allogravure picture contest.

Cash prizes of \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$5 will be given for the best photos taken in Nebraska or Iowa by amateur photographers. There are no other restrictions. Any size print may be submitted and you may send in as many as you like.

Send in your pictures now. You may win a prize.

C.T. Kountze to Succeed R.B. Howell

Board of Directors of Metropolitan Utilities District Elects Omaha Banker as Member.

Senator Soon to Leave

Senator R. B. Howell laid down his duties as a director of the Metropolitan Utilities district late yesterday and Charles T. Kountze, vice president of the First National bank of Omaha, took them up.

Mr. Kountze is a member of a pioneer Omaha family. When the first bonds with which to purchase the old water plant were issued, in 1912, it was the financial firm of Kountze brothers that formed a syndicate to sell them.

Senator Howell, who recently was succeeded as general manager of the municipal plants by T. A. Leisen of Detroit, expects to leave for Washington this week.

If he had served out his full term as a director, he would have spent a quarter of a century in this work. As it is, he has been a member of the water board for 19 years, long before the municipal plant was anything more than a dream. When, in 1912 the water plant was bought, he became general manager as well as a director, serving for 11 years.

Souder Pleads His Innocence

Says Books Never Did Balance and Offers to Prove It.

By Associated Press.
North Platte, Neb., Nov. 7.—Samuel M. Souder, former Lincoln county treasurer, under indictment on 148 charges of forgery, embezzlement, mutilation of public records and arson, in an interview Wednesday, declared he is certain he can clear himself of all charges. It was the first time Mr. Souder has discussed his case with anyone.

"The charges are based on misinformation and lack of information," he said. "I am satisfied with progress my attorneys are making to clear me. I never objected to an audit being made of my books. When the taxpayers' league started its campaign last winter, I was heartily in sympathy with the movement.

"I welcomed an opportunity to have my books audited by expert accountants. They (the state) never have been able to make a balance of the books. They are incompetent and not prepared to make such an audit. When the time comes I can explain the notes at question. Despite the fact that some of the books are missing and others have been partially destroyed by fire, an expert accountant, with my assistance, can strike a balance of the treasurer's office books."

Mr. Souder was interviewed at the county jail where he has been confined since his forced return from Florida more than a month ago. He appeared to be in good spirits, and said that he was receiving fine treatment and care from Sheriff L. L. Berthe.

Is Confident.

Asked about his farm near North Platte, where he had engaged in the raising of thoroughbred riding horses and cattle, Mr. Souder said, "I do not care to discuss my personal affairs."

Attorney W. V. Hoagland, chief counsel for Mr. Souder, had said the former treasurer was not concerned about the change of venue, a motion for which now is pending before the court. He said that Mr. Souder felt confident that he could get a fair trial in North Platte, where he had lived most of his life, and where he has many friends. Mr. Souder said he was born on a farm near North Platte, and that most of his life, up to the time he was appointed deputy county treasurer in 1913, had been spent on the farm.

"I served five years as deputy county treasurer," he said, "and, in 1917, I was elected treasurer. I was re-elected twice."

Pickens Is Improving.

C. H. Pickens, president and general manager of Paxton & Gallagher company, is improving, according to reports from his home.

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

James Hamer, Sioux City, Mo., 39; Margaret Olsen, Omaha, 24; William Hulen, Fort Calhoun, Neb., 34; Lucy Warte, Fort Calhoun, Neb., 24; Walter Myers, Valley, Neb., 24; Mary Shurtliff, Lehigh, Neb., 24; Matt Currey, Sioux City, Ia., 35; Marie Benda, Omaha, 26; Benjamin Mathison, Florence, Neb., 26; Matt Tranter, Omaha, 26; Herbert Howarth, Exeter, Neb., 42; Neil Pflieg, Exeter, Neb., 39; Robert Price, Council Bluffs, 36; Helen Minear, Council Bluffs, 42; John Elliot, Council Bluffs, 42; Christen Buayer, Hillside, Mo., 42; Anna Nordbeck, Hillside, Mo., 42; Elmer Taylor, Sioux City, Ia., 35; Matt Currey, Sioux City, Ia., 35; Frank Dinmore, Omaha, 45; Ellen Sundren, Omaha, 45.

Gold Hunters' Ship Is Wrecked in Storm

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 7.—A party of 105 men, women and children, who were led by A. H. Moore of Los Angeles on a gold hunting expedition above Nome, Alaska, and who were made destitute when the sailing schooner Fred B. Wood, which carried the party, was wrecked by a gale September 29 in Port Clarence bay, 75 miles northwest of Nome, were due here today on the steamship Buford.

The captain of the vessel, his wife and one member of the crew returned to Seattle November 1. The Moore party arrived August 2 at Teller on Port Clarence bay and remained on board the vessel until the severe storm which sank the ship.

The majority of the members of the party were forced to sell their clothing at Nome. Some of them sought work in various industries there. A few are enroute to their homes in southern California cities.

Zangwill Says America Only Half Educated

English Writer Tells New York Audience It Would Take Half Day to Cite Virtues.

By Associated Press.
New York, Nov. 7.—Israel Zangwill, English man of letters, today told the League for Political Education what he thought of America.

"I have but an hour to speak and it would take six to tell your virtues," he said. "A list of your faults would only take three hours, so I'm not going to refer to your virtues."

"There are more cranks to the square mile in the United States than in any other country of the world."

"There is more honor, justice and dignity in England than in America. The absence of dignity in this country is exemplified in many ways. The opinion of Benny Leonard, who is a good, clean, hard-hitting prize fighter, is sought regarding the merits of a judge to be elected and solemnly printed in the newspapers."

"The Ku Klux Klan, which is a sort of an exaggerated Boy Scout movement, would be laughed out of existence. But America has no sense of humor."

"Everything is less efficient in America than in England. The mails, the press, the railroads and your Central park are a disgrace."

"On the other hand, too many men are jacks of all trades. The elevator boys go to Columbia, but that fact should prevent him from being a good elevator boy."

"America thinks without acting and acts without thinking. Years ago she went to war because of taxation without representation. Today I am taxed 8 per cent of all I earn in this country. Yet I have no vote."

"While America isn't a sense of shame. The Sunday newspaper weighs four pounds. The world was better off when people read the Bible and Shakespeare."

"This country has the best half-educated people in the world. It's a land of make believe."

"While America isn't the greatest country of God's earth, it has the greatest potentialities. If America goes wrong, the last hope of civilization goes wrong."

Violence Approved by Klan Leaders, Is Charged

Houston, Tex., Nov. 7.—Officials of the Ku Klux Klan in Atlanta, Dallas and Houston fought efforts to stop tar and feather parties and other forms of mob violence, George Kimbro, of Houston, former grand go-blin of the Klan domain of the southwest, charged in a deposition filed in district court here. The position was taken in connection with a suit for \$24,000 by the Klan against Kimbro and cross action by Kimbro asking \$38,000 damages from the Klan.

Odor of Billy Goat Is Sleep With Animal to Rid Pneumonia Cure for Lung Trouble

By Universal Service.
Paris, Nov. 7.—The peculiar and particularly penetrating odor of the goat has an important therapeutic value, according to Dr. Georges Lavel, who states that this is particularly true in the treatment of tuberculosis and diseases of the lungs and bronchial tubes.

"The legendary goat, supposedly charged with the sins of Israel," says Dr. Lavel, "is nothing more or less than an agent for disinfection created by the Almighty."

"Put the goat in a stable where cows and other animals are dying and the epidemic soon disappears, and the sick animals recover. I hope to found a sanitarium where the puniate smells of the goat will be the sole agent used as a cure for lung diseases."

Dr. Lavel points out that the goat is the only animal absolutely immune from tuberculosis and says that the immunity of the children of Israel from lung trouble resulted from the fact that they slept with the goats in their tents. The article asserts that several cases of bronchial pneumonia have been cured by introducing goats into the sickroom and letting them sleep in the same bed with the patient.

Awake, Arise, Our Duty Calls



Washington Fails to Fret Over French Terms on Economic Meet

Domestic Questions Hold Interest in Capital in View of Relief Plans and Farm Bloc's Fight to Reduce Freight Rates on Agricultural Products.

By MARK SULLIVAN.
Washington, Nov. 7.—A summary of the run of the news in Washington would include the following paragraphs of varying weight:

We are not terribly excited about the outcome of our present exchange with France. The American government has offered a plan. It is up to the other parties to accept that plan, or reject it, or place limitations on it. If they place limitations on it that brings it back to us to determine whether we regard it as worth while to go on. If the inquiry is kept on the basis America proposed we think it will be hopeful of results. If any limitation is raised by the French, that will diminish the hopefulness of results. It is up to Europe.

Specifically it is up to France. We have no direct interest in the matter. We have no expectation of reaping any reward. We are merely anxious to be of help. We will be helpful if our help is wanted. It depends on the state of mind in Europe. If that state of mind is one that wants help we will give it. If that state of mind is one that doesn't want help, then, of course, we can't help. We hope that people generally throughout civilization will understand that the American government wants to be helpful. We hope the outcome will enable us to be helpful. Meantime, we shall be patient.

No Need to Worry.
There is no reason to be disturbed if it turns out to be impossible to settle in a few days, questions which in themselves and in their background have disturbed Europe for centuries.

It is a sign of our lack of excitement on this question that the farmers of the west and the politicians are more interested in the government's project for bringing into actual existence the long discussed and frequently attempted institution of co-operative wheat marketing. Washington believes that this idea and the actual mechanism for it have not got so much momentum that it will really be brought forward to fruition.

This is about the only one of the suggested ways to help the wheat farmer that will be attempted. Government price fixing and government purchase appears to have been dismissed pretty definitely.

The farm bloc is, however, going to bring up the matter of freight rates on farm products. There are definite plans on the part of farm bloc leaders for taking up the transportation problem in the next congress. A well posted man from the middle west says that "practically everybody out there, farmers as well as business men, is insisting on reductions in transportation rates. The railroads are making more money in the middle west than either the farmer or the business men."

There has been an inquiry as to whether the government will try to extend any relief in the way of charity to Germany before congress convenes. Probably not. Only congress has power to make the necessary appropriation. But reports received in Washington indicate that there may shortly be in Germany a situation even more serious than is now portrayed.

Coolidge Against McAdoo.
William G. McAdoo is in town, stepping very lively, and radiating the magnetism of good health and high vitality. Any observer must be lacking in insight who fails to guess that sooner or later Mr. McAdoo will give a quiet moment to taking the measure of President Coolidge, and make up his mind to see what would happen in a collision of their relative mass momentum and personality.

If the two party conventions were to be held next week it would undoubtedly be Coolidge versus McAdoo. What will happen in the six or seven months before the conventions actually occur will constitute the presidential politics of next year.

The question whether tax revision will be recommended to the next congress by the administration or whether congress of its own initiative will try tax revision is still undecided. Probably we shall have some light on it from President Coolidge's address to congress December 3.

There is some speculation as to whether our new ambassador to Great Britain, ex-Senator Kellogg, will sail for his post before congress meets and therefore before the senate has a chance to ratify his appointment. It is just possible that in this case there may be an interesting collision between two sacred senate traditions.

One senate tradition is that an ex-member of that body is always confirmed. The other tradition is that no man from any state is confirmed if there is objection from a senator of that state belonging to the same party. It all depends on whether the republican Minnesota senator, Shipstead, is disposed to be recalcitrant.

Radiophones for Trains Planned for Near Future

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Nov. 7.—Passengers on trains speeding across the country may, within the near future, pick up a phone and telephone back home about the things they forgot if discussions on the possibilities of radio as applied to train movements before the meeting of the association of railway electrical engineers here today are put into force.

Automatic train control by radio will be installed on at least one division of 49 first class roads of the country by 1925, it was announced at yesterday's meeting, the opening session of the fourteenth annual convention.

Employees Accused by Attorney

Senate Committee Told of Difficulty in Obtaining Papers From Soldiers' Relief Agency.

Washington, Nov. 7.—Certain employees of the veterans' bureau have thrown "every obstacle" in the way of senate investigators of the bureau, the senate committee was told by its counsel. The committee immediately asked that the names of such employees be furnished.

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The second letter was from Director Hines to O'Brien and in it Hines gave notice of the disallowance of O'Brien's claim and made a formal demand for the return by O'Brien of \$5,451 out of the original \$84,000 payment on the ground that the architect had been overpaid under his contract. This letter was dated last June 6.

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Plattsmouth, Neb., Nov. 7.—Judge James P. Begley has postponed calling the petit jury in district court, which was to have met November 12, for two weeks, due to the fact that the grand jury is scheduled to meet on that date, and it was considered advisable to await the action of that body before calling the petit jury.

T. J. McGuire, Omaha attorney, has been sent here to assist Special Prosecutor D. O. Dwyer for the state.

Manslaughter Is Charge Against Death Car Pilot

Lincoln Man Whose Auto Killed Scribner Young Woman Enters Plea of Not Guilty.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Lincoln, Nov. 7.—H. H. Kettelhut, driver of the car that struck and killed Miss Bertie Meier of Scribner here Monday night, was arraigned on a manslaughter charge in justice court here today. He pleaded not guilty and his bond was fixed at \$5,000, but was reduced to \$2,500. At a late hour today he was still making arrangements to furnish the required sum.

Trial was set for November 14, in district court.

It is universally agreed here that something must be done to curb reckless driving, but there is some question as to what the car can do in view of the recent parceling of Ernest Grainger and Henry Branch, Jr., both of whom were brought before the district court on serious charges in connection with automobile accidents. The cases are not exactly parallel, but sufficiently similar to make the Kettelhut case one for widespread and often acrimonious discussion.

Farmer Near Trenton Lets Hogs Gather Corp Crop

Trenton, Neb., Nov. 7.—Frank McConnell had an unusually good crop of corn of about 200 acres in the Republican valley. Instead of paying from 6 to 8 cents a bushel to have his corn husked, then another fee to have it shelled and then hire a man to haul it, he then fed or to market, he bought 1,000 head of hogs and turned them in the field. He has fenced off a part of the field and is letting them have the corn as they need it.

Walton Plea to Prevent Ouster Suit Is Denied

By Associated Press.
Lawton, Okla., Nov. 7.—United States District Judge John H. Cotterell late today denied an application of Governor J. C. Walton for a writ of subpoena and a restraining order which would have prevented his impeachment trial before the state senate.

Judge Cotterell held that federal court did not have jurisdiction in the case.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., November 7:

Highest, 56; lowest, 37; mean, 46; normal, 42. Total excess since January 1, 1.32.

Relative Humidity, Percentage.

Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths.

Total, 0. Total since January 1, 3.87; excess, 1.97.

Hourly Temperatures.

Hour	Temp.	Hour	Temp.	Hour	Temp.
5 a. m.	37	2 p. m.	52	7 p. m.	42
6 a. m.	38	3 p. m.	53	8 p. m.	41
7 a. m.	39	4 p. m.	54	9 p. m.	40
8 a. m.	40	5 p. m.	55	10 p. m.	39
9 a. m.	41	6 p. m.	56	11 p. m.	38
10 a. m.	42	7 p. m.	57	12 m.	37
11 a. m.	43	8 p. m.	58		
12 m.	44	9 p. m.	59		

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Hod Carriers, \$10; Masons, \$14 a Day in California

Pierce, Neb., Nov. 7.—Charles McDonald of San Pedro, Cal., who left here 12 years ago, has been visiting relatives and friends in this community for the last few weeks and reports that wages in California are high and that there is a demand for laborers. For several years Mr. McDonald worked at his trade, that of a mason. Now he and his son are contracting masons, employing as high as 20 men. These masons receive \$14 a day for eight hours and the hod carriers receive \$10 a day.

Dr. Todd Sued for \$17,500 by Polk County School Head

Amelia Rasmussen, superintendent of schools in Polk county, filed suit in district court yesterday against Dr. George W. Todd, Omaha dentist, asking \$17,500 damages for injuries she says she sustained four years ago, when she was taking an X-ray treatment in his office. The attendant, Mary Nally, she alleges, sent a current of electricity through her body.

Tiger Seen Again in Rancher Says He Saw It Kill Half-Grown Steer Devil's Nest Country

Bloomfield, Neb., Nov. 7.—The tiger that has been annoying residents around Battle Creek must have decided to move northward, for it is reported that it has been seen several times in the Devil's Nest country, northwest of here. Mr. Stage-man, who lives on a large ranch in that vicinity avers that he has seen the beast several times and on the last occasion saw it kill and carry away a half grown steer.

Other people have seen the tiger, according to reports, and one man declares it must have hunted up a mate for he saw two of the beasts together. Local people are skeptical, which accounts for the reports. A number of Bloomfield farmers, including Art Mason, Bud Bloodhart and C. William Kinney, it is said, are organizing a hunting party and declare they are going to bring home the animal or animals, as the case may be, and thus settle the minds and relieve the nerves of the citizens. Developments will be watched with interest.